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January 10, 1949

Harry Polk and
Eugene Burdick.
Williston, North Dakota

I have read carefully your proposed bill or amendment to Public Law 534- 78th Congress.

This amendment covers the immediate Williston situation in very complete shape. I think the amendments places the stress where it belongs- namely on a 17 millian acre foot storage reservoir. The engineers can hardly answer that as that capacity has never been changed by any authority whatever.

This amendment, however, does not take care of those under the 17 million acre foot storage pool. I do not want the engineers to disturb the owners UNTIL the land is to be flooded, or say six month prior thereto. In the meantime, let the owners alone and do not charge them a rental for their own land.

See what you can do by way or incorporating this in your amendment.

Sincerely,

Usher L. Burdick.